

REMARKS

The present invention is a foundation pile including a footing element which is reinforced with a reinforcing unit for reinforcing the footing element when laying pile foundations with the foundation pile and at least one through going longitudinal cavity. A foundation pile in accordance with the invention comprises shaped and articulated members that are pivotally connected to a centrally arranged annular element, so that the reinforcement unit has a folded mounting position and an extended position of use, and the reinforcement unit is connected to the foundation pile by at least one tension member, wherein the reinforcement unit in the folded mounting position passes through the at least one through-going longitudinal cavity of the foundation pile, the footing element including a pile foot in the reinforcement unit or the pile foot being connected with the foundation pile with at least one tension member and the at least one tension member including at least one free section between a lower edge of the foundation pile and the pile foot.

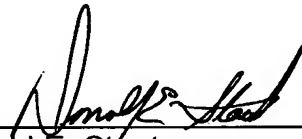
The Examiner's indication in Section 6 of the Office Action that claims 38-41, 49, 50, 55, 56 and 58-70 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claim 36 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 36, 38 and 50 which has been indicated to contain patentable subject matter and furthermore, method claim 60 has been amended to recite the subject matter of claim 44 in the body thereof and is further dependent upon claim 36 which places claim 60 in condition for allowance.

A Third Substitute Specification is submitted herewith to improve the form of the application for issuance as a patent.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 900.44033X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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